

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

GENERAL SESSION AGENDA

September 30, 2014

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners convened in the Commissioners Hearing Room at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, September 30, 2014.

Present were: Marilyn Brown, President
Paula Brooks, Commissioner

Also present on the dais were Ron O'Brien, Prosecuting Attorney; Ken Wilson, Deputy County Administrator; Don Brown, County Administrator; and Shannon Cross, Clerk to the Board of Commissioners.

President Brown called the meeting to order at 9:05 A.M.

President Brown stated: We have some guests here today to talk about National Preparedness Month.

Kathy Crandall, Director, Homeland Security and Justice Programs, stated: As part of National Preparedness Month, we have a volunteer program on the 16th floor supporting that outreach and education. Part of national preparedness is having volunteers that are in place and ready when the call to duty comes. I am so pleased to present to you this morning, as a surprise to her, our Volunteer of the Year, Ms. Edith Weger. Commissioners, we currently have over 130 trained and certified volunteers in the Public Safety Support Program, through VIPSS and the Sheriff's Citizen Academy. They are adults and senior youth who volunteered over 3,400 hours to support community crime awareness, crime prevention, and outreach education in the past two (2) years. She is the linchpin, the core, and the heart of this successful program. She not only volunteers for the projects on a regular basis, she also provides the entire administrative support; from the call to volunteers, to tracking every volunteer – the projects and the hours they have given to that project. We provided you with a 3rd Quarter report that details the activities that the volunteers have undertaken in 2014, which includes supporting multiple jurisdictions in Franklin County, and events totaling over 1,600 hours.

Some of the activities include: deputy testing for physical agility, OSU game day, child IDs at the Home and Garden Show, Air Cubs and smoky house training, C-spine and backboard training, DUI checkpoint support, Worthington traffic duty, CRASE (Citizen Response to Active Shooter Event), Franklin County Fair, Ohio State Fair, FamJam, 10TV Health Expo, the full scale exercise at the Airport, Worthington's Market Day, and Child IDs for Grove City. At this time, Sheriff Zach Scott would like to comment on our collective Volunteer of the Year.

Sheriff Scott stated: I don't know how many of you know about the VIPSS Program, how important it is for our communities, but you heard a list of different events that take place where our volunteers assist. We're also prepared in case we would have some type of disaster. This type of training would also become very useful if, for instance, we'd have a tornado or terrorist attack. This training enables our volunteers to step in place and hand-in-hand with fire and law enforcement to give us that assistance. As you've heard all the things that [Ms. Weger] has done, you can't put a price on that. She is very valuable to us. My guys think of her as a rock star. I just wanted to make sure I came down here and personally thanked [Ms. Weger]. Speaking to Ms. Weger, Sheriff Scott said: Thank you for all of your service to the Sheriff's Office, the other law enforcement agencies, and all the communities you help serve. Thank you so much.

Ms. Weger received a round of applause. Sheriff Scott presented her with a certificate of recognition, the Board of Commissioners presented her with a resolution, and the Melissa Pierson, Grants Administrator, Homeland Security and Justice Programs, presented her with a jacket. Photos were taken.

Commissioner Brooks stated: I want to say a few words because I have seen Edith in action. My husband completed the course work for this, and really enjoys getting the updates she sends out. We never know when something will happen and we will need many, many people. We really appreciate your volunteerism.

Ms. Weger said: Thank you.

President Brown stated: Edith, thank you for volunteering. Truly, the volunteerism in what you're doing is so key in our community to extend the reach of what we all do, and what we need to reach everybody in our community in safety and preparedness. We thank you very much, and all the volunteers in our community – to extend the reach of all we need to do in the community. Thank you.

Ms. Weger said: Thank you.

The first order of business on the agenda was the approval of the minutes of the September 23, 2014 General Session, the minutes of the September 25, 2014 Briefing meeting. Commissioner Brooks moved to approve the minutes, seconded by President Brown. The minutes were approved.

Resolution No. 670-14, authorizing a contract with Vigilant Solutions, Inc. for the purpose of providing access to license plate data to enable enhanced statewide information sharing (Sheriff) (\$10,925), presented by David Masterson, Director of Administrative Services, Sheriff's Office.

Mr. Masterson stated: This resolution approves a contract with Vigilant Solutions, Inc. to provide their basic license plate reader service package. This will enhance information sharing amongst law enforcement offices across the State, who utilizes license plate reader technology.

Commissioner Brooks said: It's very needed to protect our children and all residents here.

Commissioner Brooks moved to adopt Resolution 670-14, seconded by President Brown. The Resolution was adopted.

Resolution No. 671-14, authorizing the modification and termination for convenience of agreements with Digital Solutions Incorporated (No Cost) (Sheriff), presented by Mr. Masterson.

Mr. Masterson stated: This resolution approves a termination agreement with Digital Solutions Incorporated, to end the relationship for purposes of implementing a jail management system.

Commissioner Brooks moved to adopt Resolution 671-14, seconded by President Brown. The Resolution was adopted.

Resolution No. 672-14, authorizing a transfer of General Fund appropriations for the support of veterans (Veterans Services), presented by Doug Lay, Director, Veterans Service Commission.

Mr. Lay stated: This additional amount of funds will help us through the year for the balance of our financial assistance requests. Looking at 2012 compared to today, we're up about 25% on our weekly averages. Unfortunately, there is still a need out there and we're fulfilling it as best we can.

Commissioner Brooks said: Thank you for your hard work on this.

Commissioner Brooks moved to adopt Resolution 672-14, seconded by President Brown. The Resolution was adopted.

Resolution No. 673-14, approving a contract agreement with Dress for Success Columbus for the Workforce Readiness-Suiting program (Job and Family Services) (\$50,000), presented by Lance Porter, Deputy Director, Job and Family Services.

Mr. Porter stated: As you know, the Dress for Success program, we work with them for a work readiness clothing program to help people have work appropriate attire for job interviews and for the workplace. Two hundred and fifty (250) TANF eligible women will be able to utilize these services. In addition, they attend monthly workshops focusing on financial literacy, professional development, and health and wellness.

Commissioner Brooks moved to adopt Resolution 673-14, seconded by President Brown. The Resolution was adopted.

Resolution No. 674-14, approving a contract amendment with Action for Children for mandatory training services for Type B home child care providers (an increase of 374,973.18) (Job and Family Services) (\$614,261.82), presented by Mr. Porter.

Mr. Porter stated: This is an amendment to a long standing contract we've had with Action for Children. They provide both mandatory core training classes for individuals that are interested in pursuing a profession as a child care provider, and also mandatory training requirements of classes for currently licensed home child care providers that they have to have in order to meet certain criteria with the State.

Commissioner Brooks said: I'm glad to see us working even more with Action for Children. This is so necessary, so that our children are really getting the development tools they need to be successful.

Commissioner Brooks moved to adopt Resolution 674-14, seconded by President Brown. The Resolution was adopted.

Resolution No. 675-14, approving a subaward amendment with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Ohio, Inc. for the youth mentoring programs (an increase of \$150,000.00) (Job and Family Services) (\$200,087.82), presented by Mr. Porter.

Mr. Porter stated: With this resolution, and this contract, youth ages 5 to 18 from single parent households are identified through community or school based programs, and then are paired with a trained volunteer to serve as a mentor in either academic or guidance and as a positive role model or friend, someone for the child to talk with. The goal is to help the youth overcome personal barriers. Our funding will help pay direct programming administrative expenses, such as the cost of the match coordinators that work with the students and volunteers, technical assistance, and supplies and literature.

President Brown said: This program works so well. I know we have some great mentors and some great recipients of the mentoring that have done so well. Mr. Porter added: Our own director is part of the program as well. President Brown said: I have been in the past, and some of the mentees I've had have gone on to do so well. It's just terrific.

Mr. Porter said: It's a good feeling. About 210 TANF eligible youth will be able to participate because of this as well.

Commissioner Brooks said: They also work with Franklin County Children Services. They do great work, and this is very collaborative. Mr. Porter stated: Yes they do, and they did a presentation for us about a month ago. It was done during the lunch hour and they usually try to connect people with a school or places right near where someone is employed, so there's not much travel time to spend some time with the student while he is at lunch.

Commissioner Brooks moved to adopt Resolution 675-14, seconded by President Brown. The Resolution was adopted.

President Brown said: I'm going to go out of order, if that's OK with my colleague, and if it's OK with Public Facilities Management. Speaking to Jim Goodenow, Director, Public Facilities Management, President Brown asked: Would you like to do your piece now?

Mr. Goodenow said: Thank you very much. I have Wes Lanning with me today. He is our Painting Supervisor in Public Facilities Management. He has been an employee for thirty (30) years. President Brown said: That deserves a round of applause. Thank you. He is an outstanding employee as well. Mr. Goodenow said: He has been a terrific employee, and he's also taken advantage of this time to retire. I can speak in reference, a bit, about the Big Brother Big Sister association. Back in the mid-70s (when lava lamps were in), I was a Big Brother and this was one of my Little Brothers. I think I was also here in 1983 when he came to work for the County, working at nights. He was still in high school, he was 17 years old. He's been with the County now for 30 plus years. He's done a terrific job. I would also echo Lance's comments that the Big Brother Big Sister's mentoring program is terrific. You don't always have to be a young person... middle aged, any kind of stage in life, to participate and you'll get a lot more out of it than the youth, I think, in what you'll take home and your experiences in working with these young people.

President Brown said: You must have been successful too, as a Big Brother, because your Little Brother did pretty well here. Mr. Goodenow said: I think he has done great.

President Brown said: We'd like to recognize Mr. Lanning.

Mr. Lanning received a round of applause and the Commissioners presented him with a resolution celebrating his service. A photo was taken.

President Brown stated: It's not often that we get that match, so we had to make it work. That's a good one.

Mr. Porter said: That is actually great, because I've known Wes since I've come [to work at the County], and he's probably the only one who has been here longer than me.

Resolution No. 676-14, approving four (4) contracts for Title XX Services with Deaf Services Center, House of Hope for Alcoholics, Inc., The Legal Aid Society of Columbus, and Maryhaven (Job and Family Services) (\$551,573.70), presented by Mr. Porter.

Mr. Porter stated: These programs are contracts for the provision of social services, which restores, maintains, or improves the capabilities for self support, self care, and independent living for some of the neediest individuals. The Deaf Services Center provides case management, interpretation, and sign language for the deaf or hearing impaired. House of Hope for Alcoholics will provide residential treatment for residents with an addiction to drugs or alcohol. The Legal Aid Society provides legal assistance for low income families and individuals. Maryhaven will provide residential treatment for drugs and alcohol as well.

Commissioner Brooks stated: This is really a great day. These are some of our most important relationships; not just this resolution but also the previous ones that you went through. Thank you for bringing these forward. We wish we could do even more.

Commissioner Brooks moved to adopt Resolution 676-14, seconded by President Brown. The Resolution was adopted.

Resolution No. 677-14, authorizing non-general fund appropriation adjustments to support social services contracts (Job and Family Services), presented by Mr. Porter.

Mr. Porter stated: This resolution will authorize supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$550,000, and also a transfer of appropriations in the amount of \$90,000 within the Public Assistance Fund. This will support the award of community program contracts during the beginning of Fiscal Year 2015.

Commissioner Brooks said: This allows us to do more. Mr. Porter said: Absolutely.

Commissioner Brooks moved to adopt Resolution 677-14, seconded by President Brown. The Resolution was adopted.

Resolution No. 678-14, review of Petition to Annex 13.925 +/- acres from Jackson Township to the City of Columbus Case #ANX-EXP2-19-14 (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Matt Brown, Planning Administrator, Economic Development and Planning.

Mr. Brown stated: This is a resolution to consider the annexation of 13.925 acres, more or less, from Jackson Township to the City of Columbus. The petition case number is ANX-EXP2-19-14. The agent is Connie J. Klema, acting on behalf of the property owner, The Russete Corporation. The site is 3830 Big Run Road South, Parcel #160-000218. 59.9 percent of the total site perimeter is contiguous to the City of Columbus. The applicant has met all statutory requirements outlined in Section 709.021 of the Ohio Revised Code. The applicant has provided proof of notification, and the City of Columbus passed a resolution identifying the services that will be provided and a statement regarding possible incompatible land uses and zoning buffer. Resolution No. 2002-2014, was passed on September 8, 2014.

Commissioner Brooks stated: I just heard “possible incompatible land use,” could you explain that. That sounds a little different. Mr. Brown replied: That is a standard requirement of the resolutions adopted by the cities. It’s to identify that if any land uses would come on to that site in the future which may be incompatible with the surrounding land uses, that a buffer would be required. Commissioner Brooks asked: That’s just language that they place in their ordinance to ensure that there is a smooth transition to whatever the new use will be? Mr. Brown said: Exactly.

Commissioner Brooks moved to adopt Resolution 678-14, seconded by President Brown. The Resolution was adopted.

Resolution No. 679-14, Review of Petition to Annex 10.534 +/- acres from Truro and Madison Townships to the City of Columbus Case #ANX-EXP2-20-14 (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Mr. Brown.

Mr. Brown stated: This is a resolution to consider the annexation of 10.534 acres, more or less, from Truro and Madison Townships to the City of Columbus. The petition case number is ANX-EXP2-20-14. The agents are Don Plank and Amy Kuhn of the Plank Law Firm, acting on behalf of the property owner, Progressive Investments. The site is 2962 Noe-Bixby Road, Parcel No. 260-000501, and adjoining portions of Noe-Bixby, Chatterton and Refugee Roads right-of-way. 75.5 percent of the total site perimeter is contiguous with the City of Columbus. The applicant has met all statutory requirements outlined in Section 709.021 of the Ohio Revised Code. The applicant has provided proof of notification. The City of Columbus has passed a resolution identifying the services that will be provided once the annexation, and a statement regarding possible incompatible land uses and zoning buffer. Resolution No. 2006-2014, was passed by the City of Columbus on September 8, 2014.

Commissioner Brooks moved to adopt Resolution 679-14, seconded by President Brown. The Resolution was adopted.

Resolution No. 680-14, Review of Petition to Annex 15.782 +/- acres from Franklin Township to the City of Columbus Case #ANX-EXP2-21-14 (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Mr. Brown.

Mr. Brown stated: This is a resolution to consider the annexation of 15.782 acres, more or less, from Franklin Township to the City of Columbus. The petition case number is ANX-EXP2-21-14. The agent is Donald T. Plank of the Plank Law Firm, acting on behalf of the property owners Greenlawn Realty Company, Scarlet Manor Mobile Home Park LLC, and 1049 Harmon Avenue LLC. The site is located at the southwest corner of Greenlawn Avenue and Harmon Avenue; Parcel Nos. 140-000103, 140-000473, and 140-003624, and adjoining portions of right-of-way. 73.3 percent of the total site perimeter is contiguous with the City of Columbus. The applicant has met all statutory requirements outlined in Section 709.021 of the Ohio Revised Code. The applicant has provided proof of notification. The City of Columbus passed a resolution identifying the services that will be provided and a statement regarding possible incompatible land uses and zoning buffer. Resolution No. 2007-2014, was passed by the city of Columbus on September 8, 2014.

Commissioner Brooks moved to adopt Resolution 680-14, seconded by President Brown. The Resolution was adopted.

Resolution No. 681-14, authorizing a non-general fund transfer of appropriations for the purchase of office equipment (Child Support Enforcement), presented by Susan Brown, Director, Child Support Enforcement.

Ms. Brown stated: This resolution provides for a non-general fund transfer of appropriations from Materials and Services to Capital Assets in the amount of \$34,000. The transfer is for the purchase of OnBase compatible scanners to facilitate the implementation of the agency's electronic document imaging and business process management system.

Commissioner Brooks moved to adopt Resolution 681-14, seconded by President Brown. The Resolution was adopted.

Resolution No. 682-14, authorizing a modification to the contract with Facade Forensics, Inc. to provide additional Professional Design Services associated with the repair of the exterior facade and curtainwall of the Franklin County Courthouse (an increase of \$97,860.00) (Public Facilities Management) (\$144,480), presented by Mr. Goodenow.

Mr. Goodenow stated: Today I have two (2) companion resolutions for your consideration. This first one talks about our Franklin County Courthouse here at 373 South High Street, which is almost twenty-five (25) years old. For a number of years, it has started to show its age.

We continue to experience water penetration issues, leaky windows, and water penetrating damage to interior finishes. In an effort to comprehensively address these failed elements, PFM has secured professional services and developed a design strategy to repair the exterior façade and curtainwall. In our Capital Improvement Plan, we built in a series of phased actions over the next few years. Today's action will address what we characterize as immediate-term repairs. The contractor must remove or stabilize loose concrete, remedy leaks through joints around the precast panels, things of this nature. The contractor will work this fall, as long as weather permits, and then remobilize next spring. In this first action with Façade Forensics, we are contracting with the firm to provide the construction administration services required to manage the work, and make site visits to observe the repairs, review mock-ups, test the repaired services – actually get out there on the staging platform with the contractor to ensure the work is being done properly.

President Brown said: I have a question on the naming of what we're talking about here. This is the building we're in now, and I know you're calling it the Courthouse right now, but the name of the building will eventually change. Mr. Goodenow said: That is correct. President Brown said: So at some point you'll not be calling it the Courthouse. Mr. Goodenow said: We'll probably be rolling that out this fall, or first of the year at some point in time.

Commissioner Brooks said: We'll have a resolution before us so that we can have an announcement, so we don't have more confusion. It's a campus and it has different buildings.

President Brown concurred and stated: We have separate buildings. So we are talking about this building, so my rain shower that comes into my office going into the plant – so it waters the plant – may get fixed. Mr. Goodenow quipped: That may be a little over sharing, but that is correct we intend to remedy that.

Commissioner Brooks moved to adopt Resolution 682-14, seconded by President Brown. The Resolution was adopted.

Resolution No. 683-14, authorizing a contract agreement with VIP Restoration, Inc. to perform the Facade Repair Services associated with the repair of the exterior facade and curtainwall of the Franklin County Courthouse (Public Facilities Management) (\$1,514,330), presented by Mr. Goodenow.

Mr. Goodenow stated: This second action is the product of an invitation to bid. The contractor will be performing the scope of work that will be observed and tested by Façade Forensics. The recommendation for the award is to the lowest and best bidder, VIP Restoration, Inc. They have a solid track record in completing comparable projects.

Commissioner Brooks moved to adopt Resolution 683-14, seconded by President Brown. The Resolution was adopted.

Resolution No. 684-14, authorizing the execution of a contract to provide Inmate Phone Service with Public Communication Services, Inc. (No Cost) (Public Facilities Management), presented by Mr. Goodenow.

Mr. Goodenow stated: This action would continue our contractual relationship with Public Communication Services, the provider of inmate telephone services in our correctional facilities. Their performance in terms of contract compliance has been excellent. They've worked closely with the County to ensure our charges for inmate telephone services are affordable, and well below any requirements established by the Federal Communications Commission.

Commissioner Brooks moved to adopt Resolution 684-14, seconded by President Brown. The Resolution was adopted.

Resolution No. 685-14, authorizing the settlement of Workers' Compensation claims against the County by Pamela Hammer (Benefits and Risk Management) (\$1,338.42), presented by Jodi Leis, Employee Benefits Supervisor, Benefits and Risk Management.

Ms. Leis stated: This resolution authorizes the settlement of Workers' Compensation claims against the County by current employee Pamela Hammer. Ms. Hammer sustained an injury in 2013. The settlement is for medical care and it eliminates any future liability to the County. Ice Miller has reviewed and recommended this settlement in the amount of \$1,338.42.

Commissioner Brooks asked: The Prosecutor approves this? Ron O'Brien, Prosecuting Attorney, replied: Yes.

Commissioner Brooks moved to adopt Resolution 685-14, seconded by President Brown. The Resolution was adopted.

Resolution No. 686-14, authorizing the settlement of Workers' Compensation claims against the County by Donald Bush (Benefits and Risk Management) (\$4,615), presented by Ms. Leis.

Ms. Leis stated: This resolution also authorizes a settlement of Workers' Compensation claims by former employee Donald Bush. Mr. Bush sustained several injuries dating back to 1999, 2001, 2002, and again in 2006. Approval of this settlement eliminates all future liability for the allowed conditions, including his motion for permanent and total disability benefits. This settlement was negotiated by the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation, and is for both compensation and medical care.

The financial impact to the County from the overall settlement is very minimal, in the amount of \$4,615, with the bulk of the settlement being paid by the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation. Ice Miller has reviewed and recommended this action.

Commissioner Brooks asked: The Prosecutor approves this? Ron O'Brien, Prosecuting Attorney, replied: Yes.

Commissioner Brooks moved to adopt Resolution 686-14, seconded by President Brown. The Resolution was adopted.

Resolution No. 687-14, approving Personnel Actions (Human Resources), presented by Christopher Walter, Senior HR Administrator, Human Resources.

Mr. Walter reviewed the list of personnel actions in this Resolution and requested the Commissioners' approval.

Commissioner Brooks moved to adopt Resolution 687-14, seconded by President Brown. The Resolution was adopted.

Resolution No. 688-14, approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (Purchasing) (\$1,581,080.38), presented by Karl Kuespert, Director, Purchasing.

Mr. Kuespert stated: The resolution before you requests approval of 114 Purchase Orders. These Purchase Orders have been pre-certified, as to availability of funds, by the County Auditor.

Commissioner Brooks moved to adopt Resolution 688-14, seconded by President Brown. The Resolution was adopted.

Shannon Cross, Clerk, read four (4) Journalizations into the record:

Case #BC-23-14- A boundary change BC-23-14 was filed in the offices of Economic Development and Planning on September 25, 2014. The petition is requesting to change the boundaries of Montgomery Township to place territory within Washington Township that was previously annexed by the City of Columbus, and to thereby make the boundaries of Montgomery Township identical with the limits of the City of Columbus.

Regarding receipt of Approval of Ohio Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF) for Wastewater Project Oakhurst Knolls WWTP Upgrades. Notice received by the Board of Commissioners dated September 15, 2014.

Regarding notice from Community Shelter Board that it is ready to move forward with the development of the remaining space at Van Buren Shelter, and plans to utilize the multifamily funding programs of the Ohio Housing Finance Agency for development. Notice received by the Board of Commissioners dated September 18, 2014.

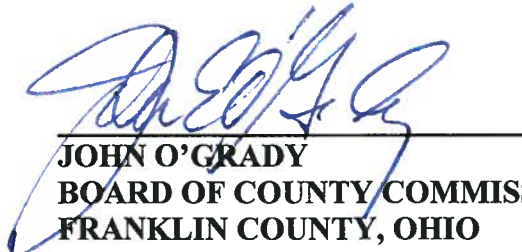
Receipt of letter from the Prosecuting Attorney advising of use of County vehicle for County business; received by the Board of Commissioners dated September 23, 2014. The letter is on file in the office of the Clerk to the Board of Franklin County Commissioners.

There being no further business before the Board, the Commissioners adjourned at 9:43 A.M.

These minutes are a summary of the Commissioners' meeting of September 30, 2014.


MARILYN BROWN, PRESIDENT


PAULA BROOKS


JOHN O'GRADY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO

Submitted by:


Shannon Cross, Clerk